

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

An information processing apparatus ~~that enables to perform a~~ for performing, in response to a user's operation, reliable and effective distributed processing ~~in response to a user's operation~~ reliably and effectively among a plurality of information processing apparatuses interconnected through a network. A main processor (21) writes ~~an~~ information data about an operating status of its own apparatus as an apparatus data in a main memory (26) connected to the information processing controller, and transmits the apparatus data to another apparatus in response to a request from the ~~another~~ apparatus. Accordingly, an information processing apparatus checks the operating status of its own and other information processing apparatuses, selects an information processing apparatus for executing a computer program in response to the user's operation, and causes ~~that~~ the selected apparatus to execute the computer program.